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A special meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order, pursuant to notice, by Mayor Pro Tempore McCormick at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers present were: Allen, Cole, Marchione, Resha, Robinson, and Vache.

Mayor Pro Tempore McCormick opened the meeting and explained that the purpose of tonight's meeting was to adopt the Redmond City Council 2007-2008 Budget Policy Direction document. She stated public testimony would be accepted tonight and the community would get other opportunities for comment between now and budget adoption.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Holly Plackett, 7524 137 Avenue NE, complimented the Council and staff on a successful Derby Days celebration. She urged the City Council to fully review the exact situation of the funding for the Redmond Fire Department, resolve to find the needed monies within the City budget to fully fund the Fire Department for the remainder of 2006 as well as 2007 and 2008 and, if money cannot be found, fully disclose to the Redmond residents the impacts that an increase in response times of five to seven minutes will have on the Community.

In response to Ms. Plackett's comments, Councilmember Allen stated the Public Safety Committee would be reviewing 2006 Fire Department funding at the August 8, 2006 meeting.

ADOPTION OF REDMOND CITY COUNCIL 2007-2008 BUDGET POLICY DIRECTION

Motion by Mr. Marchione, second by Mr. Cole, to adopt the Redmond City Council 2007-2008 Budget Policy Direction document.

Councilmember Allen stated she could not support this inadequate policy directive as it is not a significant departure from existing Council policy. She strongly opposed the majority of Council's insistence on continuing the existing practice of diverting five percent of the service budget revenue for new capital

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improvements, especially when there are other ways to pay for significant capital projects. She commented the City Council did not add sufficient revenue to cover known deficiencies, but adds the costly directive of fully staffing Fire and Police, which she supports. She concluded by saying the document fails to deliver the significant course correction needed in the aftermath of the defeat of the levy lid increase.

Councilmember Robinson stated he could not support the document as it provides direction that limits the Council with regard to revenue and spending alternatives. He commented the sentence on page three that reads, "Any revenue increases for the General Fund beyond those identified above will not be accepted or considered by the Council for the 2007-2008 Budget," is inflexible to new ideas that could address revenue issues.

Motion carried (5 - 2) with Allen and Robinson voting nay.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor Pro Tempore declared the meeting adjourned to a study session at 8:03 p.m.

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

CITY CLERK